Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1846.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 8th September, A. D. 1846, R. A. M. 2376.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. ELIAS HASKELL, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand King.
" RUEL BAKER . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL, . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Committee of Finance.
" SAMUEL MILLARD,	
" GILBERT NURSE,	
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Lecturer.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members present.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, ENOCH HOBART.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:— St. Andrew's, Adoniram, St. Paul's, Mount Horeb, and Sutton.

In consequence of the unfinished state of the Masonic apartments, the Grand Chapter was convened in one of the lower rooms of the Temple, and opened without ceremony at 7 o'clock, and the records of the last meeting read.

A notice was received from St. Andrew's Chapter, relative to the rejection of Augustus L. Moore, a candidate for the degrees, which was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, notifying this Grand Chapter of the expulsion of A. A. Muller, D. D., Grand Chaplain, from the Grand Lodge aforesaid; read, and ordered to be placed on file.

The following report of the Committee of Finance was read and adopted, viz:

GRAND CHAPTER, Boston, 8th Sept., 1846.

The Committee of Finance having examined the Treasurer's and Secretary's accounts, ask leave to report.

There was in the Treasury at the close of the last Masonic year, the sum of	$147 07
There has since been received of Sutton Chapter, .	21 00
" " " " Adoniram Chapter,	18 00
" " " " Mount Zion Chapter,	6 00
" " " " St. Andrew's Chapter,	27 00
" " " " St. Paul's Chapter,	33 00
Amounting in all to	$252 07
And the Treasurer has paid in the meantime, for which he has exhibited the proper vouchers, . .	103 07
Which leaves a balance in the Treasury of . .	$149 00

The Grand Treasurer, as usual, declines any compensation.

The Grand Secretary's accounts and records (as might be expected of that faithful officer) were neatly and accurately kept, and the Committee recommend that the sum of fifteen dollars be paid him for his services.

Respectfully submitted.

S. W. Robinson,
Samuel Millard,
Gilbert Nurse,
} *Committee of Finance.*

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the sum of one hundred dollars, from the funds of this Grand Chapter, as our proportion of the expense of fitting up the Masonic apartments of the Temple.

Voted to proceed to the choice of officers. The Grand Chapter went into Committee of the whole for that purpose.

M.E. Simon W. Robinson, Past Grand High Priest, was called to the chair, and Comps. Balch and Millard were appointed a Committee to collect, sort and declare the votes.

A return of the Grand Chapter having been made, it was found there were twenty voters present.

The following companions were then duly elected to the several offices set against their names respectively, viz:

M.E. Charles W. Moore,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. Ruel Baker,	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. Gilbert Nurse,	Grand King.
" Joel Talbot,	Grand Scribe.
" John Hews,	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman,	Grand Secretary.

The Committee then rose and reported the foregoing elections as unanimous. The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Voted to proceed to the installation of officers, when the above named companions (with the exception of Comp. Talbot, who was not present) were duly installed into their respective stations.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

Notices were sent to the following Chapters, to forward their returns and pay their dues to this Grand Chapter, on the 11th Sept., 1846, viz:

Morning Star, Springfield, directed to Oran Dickinson.
Worcester, Worcester, directed to Albert Case.
Mount Zion, Stoughton, directed to Joel Talbot.

Notices were again sent by mail, as above, on the 7th Nov., 1846, to Worcester and Morning Star Chapters.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held in the new Hall of the Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday, 8th December, A. D. 1846.

Present:

M.E. Charles W. Moore,	Grand High Priest.
E. Gilbert Nurse,	Grand King.
" Joel Talbot,	Grand Scribe.
" John Hews,	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman,	Grand Secretary.

Rev. ALBERT CASE, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" SAMUEL WALES, . .	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

M.E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Past Grand High Priest.
" EDW'D A. RAYMOND, .	" " "
" THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	" " "

Chapters represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Boston; St. Paul's, Boston; Mount Zion, Stoughton; Worcester, Worcester; Sutton, Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock, and the records of the last meeting read.

The following appointments were announced from the chair, and approved by the Grand Chapter, viz:

Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL,	
" ALBERT CASE,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr.,	
" LUCIEN B. KEITH,	Grand Stewards.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	
" ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Lecturers.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON,	
" GILBERT NURSE,	
" JOHN R. BRADFORD,	Committee of Finance.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT,	
" JOHN HEWS,	
" SAMUEL WALES,	Committee of Charity.
" DANIEL BALCH,	
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, .	Grand Tyler.

Comp. Joel Talbot was installed as Grand Scribe, and Rev. Comp. Albert Case, as Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rev. Comp. Case, it was *Voted*, That a Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of making the following alteration in the 14th article of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter, viz:

"No candidate shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, by any Chapter under this jurisdiction, for a less sum than *twenty-five* dollars."

Comps. E. A. Raymond, Thomas Tolman, and Gilbert Nurse, were nominated from the chair and appointed a Committee in conformity with the foregoing vote.

The lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 9th of March, A. D. 1847, R. A. M. 2377.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE, .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. RUEL BAKER, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. GILBERT NURSE, . .	Grand King.
" JOEL TALBOT, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.

Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL, }	Grand Chaplains.
" ALBERT CASE, }	
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" S. W. ROBINSON, . .	Grand Lecturer.
" LUCIEN B. KEITH, . .	Grand Steward.
" SAMUEL WALES, . .	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, THOMAS TOLMAN,
DAN'L L. GIBBENS, BENJ. HUNTOON,
EDW'D A. RAYMOND, JOHN J. LORING,
JOHN R. BRADFORD.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, Mount Zion, St. Paul's, Worcester, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 7 o'clock, and the records of the last meeting read.

A communication was received from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, informing this Grand Chapter, that M.E. Comps. Stephen Lovell, High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter, and Timothy Ingraham, High Priest of Adoniram Chapter, had been consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood. The communication was placed on file and the names of the foregoing companions entered upon the roll of High Priests.

M.E. Comp. E. A. Raymond, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to consider the expediency of revising the 14th article of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter, made a report, which was debated and amended by inserting the words "*twenty-five*" in lieu of "*twenty-six*," and then adopted, and is as follows, viz:

MASONIC TEMPLE, Boston, March 9, 1847.

The Committee to whom was referred the expediency of making

an alteration in the 14th article of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter, relative to the fee charged by Subordinate Chapters for the degrees therein conferred, have attended to the duty, and respectfully report:—

That the Committee believing, that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted by a reduction of the fee, respectfully recommend that the words "*thirty-one*" in the 14th article of the Grand Regulations be stricken out, and the words "twenty-five" inserted in their stead.

Signed, E. A. RAYMOND, GILBERT NURSE, T. TOLMAN, } *Committee.*

M.E. Comps. Ruel Baker, and Hugh H. Tuttle, were appointed a Committee to procure new aprons for the officers of the Council of this Grand Chapter, to replace those which have been lost.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, the blessing of Deity was invoked by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following return was made to the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held in Boston, on Tuesday, the 8th of September, 1846, when the following officers were duly elected, viz:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE. . Grand High Priest.

M.E. Ruel Baker, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Gilbert Nurse, . .	Grand King.
" Joel Talbot, . . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. John Hews, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, .	Grand Secretary.

List of Chapters under the jurisdiction.

St. Andrew's, ...	Boston.
St. Paul's, ...	Boston.
Adoniram, ...	New Bedford.
Morning Star, ...	Springfield.
Mount Zion, ...	Stoughton.
Worcester, ...	Worcester.
Mount Horeb, ...	Lowell.
Sutton, ...	Sutton.

Boston, 11th March, 1847.

To Charles Gilman, Esq., *Gen'l Grand Sec'y of the General Grand R. A. Chapter of the United States, Baltimore, Md.*

Dear Sir,—In conformity with the requirements of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, I herewith transmit you a list of the officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, elected in September, 1846, and also a list of the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully and fraternally your ob't servant,

Thomas Waterman, *Grand Secretary.*

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 8th June, A. D. 1847, R. A. M. 2377.

Present:

M.E. Charles W. Moore, .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. Ruel Baker, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Benjamin Huntoon, .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Joel Talbot, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" John Hews, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman, .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. Stephen Lovell, . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. Hugh H. Tuttle, . .	Grand Marshal.
" Simon W. Robinson, " Robert Keith,	Grand Lecturers.
" Samuel Wales, . .	Committee of Charity.
" Josiah Baldwin, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

John B. Hammatt, Thomas Tolman,
Elias Haskell, John J. Loring,
Edward A. Raymond.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, and the record of the last stated meeting read.

In consequence of the triennial meeting of the General Grand R. A. Chapter, which is to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in September next, and in order that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, may be represented at the meeting aforesaid, it was *Voted*, That the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, which is to be held on the second Tuesday of September next, be then adjourned to the second Tuesday of October next for the choice of officers and for such other business as may then come before it, and that due notice be given thereof.

Voted, That this Grand Chapter be represented by, at least, one of its officers at the triennial meeting of the Gen-

eral Grand Chapter of the United States, at Columbus, Ohio, in September next.

Voted, That the King of Sutton Chapter be allowed to take his seat and vote, notwithstanding he appeared without his appropriate jewel.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed with a solemn invocation to Deity.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

Since the last stated meeting, the printed Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, have been received by the Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

St. Andrew's, Boston,	Charter dated	A. L. 5769
Adoniram, New Bedford,	do.	5816
Morning Star, Springfield,	do.	5817
St. Paul's, Boston,	do.	5818
Mount Zion, Stoughton,	do.	5820
Worcester, Worcester,	do.	5823
Mount Horeb, Lowell,	do.	5826
Sutton, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary, Boston.